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SUBJ: CAPE VERDE AND GUINEA-BISSAU

REF: STATE 8128

1. GUINEA-BISSAU DESK OFFICER ROGER MCGUIRE FEB 3 MET WITH MINISTER OF INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATION ALMEIDA SANTOS AT MINISTRY. SANTOS SAID GOP SPENT \$40 MILLION IN CAPE VERDE IN 1974 AND WILL PROVIDE MAXIMUM \$20 MILLION UNTIL JULY 1975 INDEPENDENCE. SANTOS URGED U.S. TO ASSIST DROUGHT-STRICKEN ISLANDS DIRECTLY THROUGH OFFICES OF PAIGC. HALF OF AID, SANTOS SAID, COULD BE IN FOODSTUFFS. SANTOS SUGGESTED MCGUIRE TALK WITH HEAD OF PAIGC PEDRO PIRES, NOW IN LISBON. SANTOS HAD PIRES CALLED ON THE SPOT.

2. PIRES PROMPTLY CAME TO MINISTRY AND MET ALONE WITH MCGUIRE AND EMBOFF. PIRES SAID DETAILS AND COMPOSITION OF HIGH-LEVEL PAIGC MISSION TO U.S. STILL UNDETERMINED AND ARRANGED TO MEET MCGUIRE IN BISSAU FEB 7 OR 8. MCGUIRE BRIEFED PIRES ON BUREAUS
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WITHIN DEPARTMENT DEALING WITH CAPE VERDE; PIRES SAID LITTLE OF

SUBSTANCE.

3. MCGUIRE ALSO MET WITH FERNANDO REINO AND MAJ METELO OF
DECOLONIZATION COMMISSION. REINO, LIKE SANTOS, URGED U.S.
ASSISTANCE TO ISLANDS AND NOTED NUMBER OF CAPE VERDIANS IN U.S.

4. COMMENT: SANTOS AND GOP WOULD LIKE TO GET OUT OF PROVIDING
SUPPORT FOR CAPE VERDE AND WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF USG TOOK OVER
RESPONSIBILITY. SANTOS HAS NOTED ALLEGED U.S. STRATEGIC INTEREST
IN CAPE VERDE AS GOOD REASON FOR U.S. TO GET INVOLVED. HE HAS
MADE IT CLEAR THAT GOP WOULD NOT OBJECT TO DIRECT DEALING ON
ASSISTANCE MATTERS WITH PAIGC OR TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IN
CAPE VERDE.

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